

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to interview of 9/26/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 18-28, 30 and 31.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 4/2/07.
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was approved by Michael Willis, Applicant's Representative, during a telephone conversation held on 8/30/07.

Please note the action mailed on 9/1/07 has been vacated.

IN THE CLAIMS

In claims 1 and 18, the phrase “, prodrugs, tautomers, and solvates,” has been deleted.

In claims 21-23, the phrase “, 16, 17, 18, 29, and 20” has been deleted and the phrase --or 18-- inserted.

In claims 25-26, the phrase “any one of claim 18-20” has been deleted and the phrase --claim 18-- inserted.

In claim 26, the phrase “, 16, 17, 18, 29, and 20” has been deleted and the phrase --or 18, wherein the form of cancer is selected from the group consisting of prostate, ovarian, breast, melanoma, lung, leukemia, pancreatic, colon, cervical and hepatic--.

In claim 30, the phrase “cancer is selected from prostate cancer, breast cancer, hepatocellular carcinoma, melanoma, colorectal cancer, renal cancer, ovarian cancer, lung cancer, leukemia, epithelial cancer, pancreatic cancer, and tumors that overexpress the Her2/neu oncogene” has been deleted and the phrase --the form of cancer is selected from melanoma, colon, ovarian, lung, leukemia, and pancreatic-- inserted.

Claims 16-17, 19-20, 29, and 32-33 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Reasons for Allowance

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record does not reasonably teach or suggest the presently claimed products and methods of making and treating certain forms of cancer therewith. Specification Examples 6-8 provide appropriate cell line data regarding the enablement of the products of the invention to be used in a method of treating the now amended forms of cancer, in claims 26 and 30.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Claims 1, 18-28 and 30-31 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Maury Audet whose telephone number is 571-272-0960. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th. 7AM-5:30PM (10 Hrs.).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cecilia Tsang can be reached on 571-272-0562. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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MA, 09/30/2007



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